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SUBJ: CARE FY 75 PROGRAM IN EGYPT

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1. CHARLES SIKES, CARE/EGYPT DIRECTOR, INFORMED EMBOFF AUGUST 28 THAT CARE FY-75 AER STILL NOT READY FOR SUBMISSION. ACCORDING TO SIKES, GOE OFFICIALS ARE NOT BEING OVERLY HELPFUL IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTION CONTROL, WHICH HE CLAIMS DOES NOT MEET CARE STANDARDS. IN ADDITON, THEY CANNOT AGREE ON COMMODITIES TO BE SUPPLIED UNDER TITILE II. SIKES EXPLAINED THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE BECOME USED TO THE BASKET OF COMMODITIES INCLUDED IN THE WFP PROGRAM(CHEESE, MILK PRODUCTS, TINNED MEATS, FOR EXAMPLE) WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER TITLE II. AS A RESULT DISCUSSIONS TO DATE ON PROGRAM FORMULATION HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

2. SIKES INFORMED US TAHAT CARE HAS ALLOCATED ABOUT 100,000 DOLLARS OF ITS OWN FOR WORK HERE IN EGYPT AND THAT HE IS BEGINNNING NOW TO LOOK TO WAYS TO USE THIS ALLOTMENT INDEPENDENTLY, I.E. NOT IN COORDINATION WITH TITLE II. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ON GOE PRIORITIES, EMBASSY SUGGESTED WORK IN THE CANAL RECONSTRUCTION AREA IS CURRENTLY THE HIGHEST EGYPTIAN PRIORITY.

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3. COMMENT: AS EXPLAINED REFTEL, CARE HAS NOT HAD A

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VERY ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FROM EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS.
SIKES SAID THAT HE HAS NOT RULED OUT POSSIBILITY THAT
THERE IS NOT CHANCE FOR USEFUL CARE PROGRAM HERE. AS
A REMINDER EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT SIKES IS DEALING
SOLELY WITH THE LOWER ECHELON BUREAUCRACTIC OFFICIALS,
WHO MAY BE VERBA-
LIZING THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AT WHAT THE SEE
AS LESS THAN ABUNDANT RETURN OF AMERICAN PRESENCE HERE.
SIKES APPEARS BE SEASONED VETERAN, HOWEVER, AND HIS IS
MAKING BEST EFFORT POSSIBLE.
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